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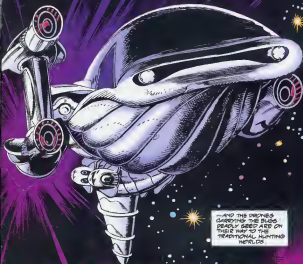


Life isn't easy for Machiko Kaguchi, who's chosen to live on board a Predator spaceship equipped in sending Predator hunting warms with Alien eggs. A harrowing escape from a vicious Queen Alien turns out to be nothing more than a Predator test of survival. She passes, by the sole of her teeth. In her adopted Predator clan's eyes, she's worthy of their grudging respect — but they never let her forget that she's different. It's no wonder that Machiko is beginning to desperately miss human companionship after all this time.

And for those of you who recall our dauntless crew of Lane, Ellis, and Jess, that survived *Aliens: Devotion*, human companionship could be a lot closer than Machiko might think . . .

IT'S ALMOST TIME.

THE PREPARATIONS FOR
THE HUNT ARE NEARLY
COMPLETE. THE CLANS
ARE GATHERING...



...AND THE DRONES
CARRYING THE BLOOD
READY BEED ARE ON
THEIR WAY TO THE
TRADITIONAL HUNTING
WORLD.



FLASHING FROM THE JUNCTION
OF BLOOD SENT OUT, AND
FROM WHAT TEMPERAMENT WAS
TOLD HE THIS WILL BE ONE
OF THE BRIGHTEST PHOTOS
IN MEMORY.



THE HUNT IS THE REASON
I JOINED UP WITH BACKSTAY
PAGANE PEOPLE. I
SHOULD FEEL BRIGHTER.



NOT DEAD, ALL I
FEEL IS ALONE.

MEMBERSHIP ANYWAY
COULDN'T MAKE IT
IN HUMAN SOCIETY,
SO SHE JOINED UP
WITH A BUNCH OF
ITS LIKE IT WOULD
BE ANY EASIER.



HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S
BEEN OVER A YEAR
SINCE I CAME TO
LIVE WITH THE HUNTERS.
AN OUTSIDER ACCEPTED
AS AN EQUAL...



NO, THAT'S
WRONG, NOT
REALLY AN
EQUAL...



...AND NOT TRULY
ACCEPTED...

...NO MATTER
HOW MANY TIMES
I'VE PROVEN
MYSELF...



SOMETIMES I THINK
THAT THE HATRED
THE BLUE-GREEN HAS
FOR ME IS PROPORTIONAL
TO THE NUMBER OF
I GAVE THEM ANY
ACCEPTED CONVICTIONS





THERE ARE SOME
ADVANTAGES TO
BEING "DIFFERENT."



FOR ONE THING, I DON'T
HAVE TO SLEEP IN "THE
PIT" WITH THE LOWER
CASTES.



THE ONLY ONES ON
BOARD WITH PRIVATE
QUARTERS ARE THE
STRONGEST AND
MOST AGGRESSIVE
OF THE OLDER
HUNTERS...



...AND ME.



IT'S NOT MUCH,
BUT IT'S HOME.

MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE
BEEN DIFFERENT IF
BROOKEN THORN HAD
LIVED. MAYBE... WE
HAVE TURNED TOGETHER
UNDER UNUSUAL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

PERHAPS IN ANY OTHER
SITUATION HE WOULD
HAVE BEEN NO OTHER—
BUT THAN ANY OF HIS
PEOPLE...

...AND I'D BE A
TEENAGER
HANDING ON
AND WELL
NOW.

MAYBE THIS MAKES
I FEEL
MORE LESS
THAN I
THINK IT
DOES.

MAYBE BROOKEN THORN FELT
CONFIDENT ENOUGH IN HIS
BANK WITHIN THE CLAN TO
ALLOW HIMSELF FEELING
OR RESPECT FOR ME...

...OR, MAYBE IT
WAS HIS DYING
WISH.



I DON'T KNOW HOW I
BROUGHT THIS WITH ME
RIGHT MY GUN ON MYSELF.

BET

CRACKLE



USUALLY
ALL I GET
IS STATIC.

SKIT
BART



ON THE RARE OCCASIONS WHEN I
GET PICK UP VOICES, THERE'RE ONLY
SKEWERED BITS OF CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN OTHER PEOPLE...

THE
...THE
...THE
...THE
...THE

... REMEMBER AS OF THE
MORNING I'VE PUT BETWEEN
ANGELA AND THE REST OF
HUMANITY.



...THE
...THE
...THE
...THE
...THE

...REPEAT!
THIS IS THE SHUTTLE
FROM THE HIGH-AND-VIBRANT
DELIVER MESSAGE--OUT
OF PLAN, AND ADAPT,
REDA-ROT! EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE FROM ANY
SHIPS OR HUMANS
OUTSIDE'S RECEIVING
THE MESSAGE...

GIVE
IT A REST,
ELLIS.



THINK ABOUT IT,
SOMEBODY
WHO MIGHT HEAR YOU
WILL HAVE PICKED UP
ONE DIMITRIOS
BRADON ACROSS
BEFORE.

LET ELLIS TALK.
IF IT MAKES HIM
FEEL BETTER, WE
ALL HAVE TO DEAL
WITH THE SHUTTLE
IN ONE DAY MAX.

REMEMBER
SHUTTLE TWO
IS BEING DELETED.
HE KNOWS HOW
ABOUT YOU
ABOUT YOU
ABOUT YOU

BRADON
SHUTTLE TWO
IS REMOVED
SHUTTLE!

GO AHEAD
AND DO NOTHING
BUT...I'M SORRY
BUT WE
REMOVED!

WE'VE
TALKED, I'M
GONNA
DEAL WITH
THIS IF HE
DOESN'T...

CRAP! THE
SHUTTLE! ELLIS!
WHAT'S THE
SHUTTLE WITH
NOW?



MR. VINCENT,
WE'RE NEEDING
ON THE
CONTROL
LEVEL.



ROGER, APPROX. 10
SHUTTLES. THE 10
DISPATCHED A SHIP
TO REPAIR PROBLEMS
S.F.A. - SIX HOURS.

WHAT
HAVE YOU
NOT
CALLED?

A
DISTRESS
CALL FROM
A LOST
SHUTTLE.



CAN
WE HELP
THEM?

THEY SAY THAT IF WE CAN ONLY
FUEL TO THEM, THEY CAN COME
DOWN UNDER THEIR OWN
POWER. SHIP IT'S SHIP IS
WAITING UP RIGHT NOW,
MR. VINCENT.

AND?



"THE SHUTTLE IS FROM
WHERE? THE AIRPORT...?"



"...LAST KNOWN SPOT OF
CALL... REMAINING, PPT."



"PPT? DIDN'T HE GET A
HEAD-UP FROM THE
HOME OFFICE ABOUT THAT?"

"RIGHT. THE COMPANY'S
DESTITUTE FOR ANY
WORD ON PPT ON THE
MORNING."



"GET UP A LINK
WITH THE H.O."

"I'M ALREADY
DID, MR. VINCENT..."



THE LAST STRAIGHTFEDS
FROM THE CLAN HAVE
ARRIVED. THE FIGHTING
WILL BEGIN SOON...



STILL YOUNG, BUT WITH
SCARS THAT WOULD DO
A VETERAN PROUD...





I MAKE THE APPROPRIATE SUBMISSIVE GESTURES AUTOMATICALLY, BUT MY MIND'S ON JUST ONE THING...

AROUND THAT HUNTER'S WHIST... A MARINE GOING BARRED... NO HUNTER WOULD WEAR SOMETHING LIKE THAT UNLESS...

...UNLESS IT WAS TAKEN DURING A...





TOPKNOT, WHO THE
CURRENT CLAN BOSS.

I MET THE
PREDECESSOR
THERE WAS NO
LOVE LOST
BETWEEN HIM
AND BUCKEN
TUCK...

BUT HE'S
GIVEN ME
TIME TO
PROVE
MYSELF.

HE TELLS
ME IT'S
TIME TO
DO IT
AGAIN.



THAT'S THE
FIRST THING
I LEARNED
ABOUT HUNTER
CULTURE.
YOU'RE ONLY
AS GOOD AS
YOUR LAST
FIGHT, AND
THAT GOES
FOR EVERY
MEMBER OF
THE CLAN...

...FOLLOWING HE
RECALLED TOP-
KNOT, IN THAT
RESPECT, HE IS
ALL BOWALS.

"FIGHT UNORTHY"
HE SPOKE TO ME.

"I KNOW."

THE SECOND
THING I
LEARNED WAS
THAT FIGHT THE
FIRST AMONG
BOWALS.



TOPKNOT COULDN'T TALK TO ME -- I KNOW.
HE UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH, BUT HE DOESN'T.
NONE OF THEM WILL.

THE BOWALS WERE NEVER INTENDED TO
SPEAK/COMPLICATED THOUGHTS, BUT
TOPKNOT'S MESSAGE IS CLEAR ENOUGH.



INSTEAD THEY "SPEAK"
TO ME IN THE SILENT
HAND-SIGNAL LANGUAGE
OF THE HUNT.

"THOSE WITHOUT
HONOR ARE NOT
PART OF THE
HUNT/CLAN AND
THOSE WHO DO
NOT FIGHT FOR
THEIR HONOR
HAVE NO
HONOR."





SO I HAVE TO FIGHT IN
SCRAMBLE FOR MY
BROT IN THE PICKING
ORDER.



AND THAT
DREADED
JACKET??

I SUREDO I
ALWAYS
KNOW IT
WOULD
HAVE TO
COME DOWN
TO THIS.



I WISH IT
WASNT SO
HOT IN
HERE.



SHORTY'S SMALL FOR A
HUNTER, BUT HE'S BIG
ENOUGH. HE GOT A
HAND ON ME AND THE
FIGHT'S OVER.



GOT TO MAKE SURE
THAT DIDNT HAPPEN...
TRUST THAT MY TRAINING





—IS ENOUGH TO
COUNTERACT
HIS STRENGTH.



NOW
HE'S
MAD.



GOOD. MAYBE I
CAN USE THAT TO
MY ADVANTAGE.





— BUT INSPIRED HIM
SOMEHOW TO DO A
CERTAIN APPEAL.



WHA--?



SURELY, I SHOULD
HAVE EXPECTED IT
FROM SHAGGY AND
HIS PALS.



I HAVE TO
DEAL WITH
THIS SHAGGY...



— DON'T LET SHAGGY
HAVE A CHANCE TO...



— RECOVER...





ONE CHANCE...
WHEN HE
GOES FOR THE
ROCK... HAVE TO
MAKE IT LOOK
CONVINCING...







RECORD THAT, ANTERIOR BLADES & VEHICLE DELETED FOR LANDING ON TRACK SEVEN.



LARRY LORRAH DON'T PUSH IT.

CAN IT JESS. THIS SHIT ANYTIME & I HAVEN'T DONE A MILLION TIMES BEFORE.



WE'RE DOWN.

REALLY? FIRST STOP THE MISSILE RAIL. A TUE TWO TWO HAS NOT YET HAVE BEEN BOOM IN ITS LATTER.



FIRST I'VE THINK WHOSE-SEES IN COMMAND ARE GIVING US ENOUGH FUEL TO LAND HERE. THEN WE HIT THE BARRIERS--

RELAXE ME, WE ALL NEED OXY.

AND YOU COULD HAVE DO WITH A CHANCE.

REALLY? I THOUGHT THE BEARD MADE ME LOOK MORE MANLY.



YOU DON'T NEED A BEARD NOW THAT ELLIS. GETTING INTO THAT PLAN BEFORE PROVED YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES.

BYE THE NO A BREAK LARA. YOU'RE ENJOYING HIM.

